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PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON
JUNE 1, 1974. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION
OF HIS COMMENTS ON FORMATION OF HIS SECOND CABINET:

REPORTER DO YOU FEEL RELIEVED AND AHPPY NOW ALL WORK
CONCERNING THE FORMING OF THE GOVENMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED
IN AN ORDERLY MANNER?

SANYA I FEEL GREAT RELIEF AND I HAVE SEEN CLEARLY
THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ARE ENERGETIC AND ALERT,
THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO PERFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE
DUTIES WHOLE-HEARTEDLY. SPEAKING OF YOUNG MEN. PLEASE
DO NOT SUFFER FROM THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT ANY PRESSURE
WAS PUT ON ME TO COMPEL ME TO SELECT MEMBERS OF THE 99
GROUP OR OF ANY OTHER GROUP. THAT IS NOT AT ALL TRUE.
NOBODY PUT ANY PRESSURE OR COMPULSION WHATSOEVER ON ME TO
SELECT THIS OR THAT PERSON. SHOULD ANYBODY HAVE TRIED TO
PUT PRESSURE N ME I WOULD HAVE TURNED A DEAF EAR AND
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NOT TAKEN SUCH ACTION. NOBODY TRIED TO PULL ANY STRINGS

AT ALL. THIS IS THE TRUTH.

THE TRUTH REGARDING WHY I KNOW YOUNG MEN AND THEIR CAPABILITY IS BECAUSE I KNOW RESULTS OF WORK THEY HAVE PERFORMED IN THE PAST. THOUGH I WAS NOT EVEN ACQUAINTED WITH SOME OF THEM AT ALL. FOR INSTANCE I DID NOT KNOW DR. DR. CHAO NA SINLAWAN PERSONALLY AT ALL, BUT I KNEW THAT HE WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE STATE RAILWAYS OF THAILAND. SO I INVESTIAGATED HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, HIS CHARATE RAILWAYS OF THAILAND. SO I INVESTIAGED HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND HIS CHARACTED AND QUALITIES. THESE INVESTIGATIONS HAD TO BE CARRIED ON MOST THOROUGHLY. IN REGARD TO DR. THALOENG, I HAD SEEN HIS SKILL AND CAPABILITY WHEN HE MADE STATMENTS ON AGRICULTURE IN CABINET MEETINGS HOW HE SPOKE CLEARLY AND IN A MOST COMPREHENSIVE MANNER SHOWING HE POSSESSES A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HIS DUTIES AND THE WORK HE WAS PERFORING. THIS IS HOW I MADE DECISIONS ON WHO TO SELECT FOR CABINET POSITIONS, NOT BECAUSE ANY PRES-SURE OR COMPULSION WAS PUT ON ME. AND REGARDING REPORTS THAT AS MANY AS 10 MEMBERS OF THE 99 GROUP HAD BEEN SELECTED BY ME, IT IS A FACT THAT I DID NOT KNOW AT ALL TO WHAT GROUP THE PERSONS I HAD SOUNDED OUT BELONGED TO. (LAUGHS) I SELECTED AND SOUNDED OUT EACH INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF HIS RESPECTIVE QUALIFICATIONS, CAPABILITY AND INTERGRITY, AND BECAUSE I FELT CERTAIN HE COULD COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND NATION FOR THE NEXT 7 MONTHS AND 7 DAYS. WHILE WE WERE IN THE PALACE JUST NOW IT WAS SAID THAT THERE IS ANOTHER 7 HOURS. (LAUGHS) ANOTHER 7 MONTHS. 7 DAYS AND 7 HOURS. MASTERS

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